

BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

**ABDUL-SAMI SIDDIQUI, M.D.**

Holder of License No. 34975  
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
In the State of Arizona

Case No. MD-12-0805A

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS  
OF LAW AND ORDER**  
(Letter of Reprimand)

The Arizona Medical Board ("Board") considered this matter at its public meeting on February 6, 2013. Abdul-Sami F. Siddiqui M.D., ("Respondent") appeared with legal counsel, Jill Covington, Esq., before the Board for a formal interview pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by A.R.S. § 32-1451(H). The Board voted to issue Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order after due consideration of the facts and law applicable to this matter.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
2. Respondent is the holder of license number 34975 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
3. The Board initiated case number MD-12-0805A after receiving notification from Respondent that on June 8, 2012, he entered into a settlement, waiver and consent agreement with the Nevada Board of Medical Examiners ("Nevada Board") for inappropriately prescribing controlled substances to five different patients and failing to maintain proper documentation.
4. The Nevada Board initiated an investigation, and sent five of Respondent's patients' charts to an independent medical expert for review. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Nevada Board found that Respondent's prescribing practice for these

1 patients was excessive and inconsistent with the appropriate standard of care. Specifically,  
2 Respondent prescribed significant controlled substances to the patients without sufficient  
3 medical justification for continued prescribing of controlled substances. In addition,  
4 Respondent considered alternative means of treating the patients' pain in very few  
5 instances and the medical records were lacking in adequate documentation to ascertain a  
6 diagnosis to justify Respondent's prescribing practices.

7       5. As a result of the Nevada Board's investigation, Respondent entered into a  
8 consent agreement with the Nevada Board on June 8, 2012, in which he received a public  
9 reprimand and was required to complete six CME hours in medical recordkeeping and  
10 reimburse the Board for the investigation expenses.

11       6. After considering presentations by Board Staff and Respondent's answers to  
12 their questions at the Formal Interview, a majority of Board members concluded that the  
13 Nevada Board Order was based on findings that would give rise to an order for discipline  
14 under Arizona law. In light of the Nevada Board's action, the Board voted to issue  
15 Respondent a Letter of Reprimand.

#### 16                                   CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

17       1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
18 Respondent.

19       2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional  
20 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(o) ("[a]ction that is taken against a doctor of  
21 medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or  
22 physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine, the doctor's medical  
23 incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that  
24 corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this  
25 paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a

1 license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise  
2 limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on  
3 probation by that jurisdiction.”).

4 **ORDER**

5 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

7 **RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REHEARING OR REVIEW**

8 Respondent is hereby notified that he has the right to petition for a rehearing or  
9 review. The petition for rehearing or review must be filed with the Board’s Executive  
10 Director within thirty (30) days after service of this Order. A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(B). The  
11 petition for rehearing or review must set forth legally sufficient reasons for granting a  
12 rehearing or review. A.A.C. R4-16-103. Service of this order is effective five (5) days after  
13 date of mailing. A.R.S. § 41-1092.09(C). If a petition for rehearing or review is not filed,  
14 the Board’s Order becomes effective thirty-five (35) days after it is mailed to Respondent.

15 Respondent is further notified that the filing of a motion for rehearing or review is  
16 required to preserve any rights of appeal to the Superior Court.

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19 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of APRIL, 2013.

21 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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23 By 

24 Lisa S. Wynn  
25 Executive Director

1 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
2 this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2013 to:

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